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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

STERLING AND WILSON SOLAR 10 SOLUTIONS, INC., a Delaware 11 Corporation, 12 Plaintiff, 13 v. 14 FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY 15 OF MARYLAND, an Illinois insurance 16 company; and ZURICH AMERICAN 17 INSURANCE COMPANY, an Illinois 18 insurance company,

Defendants.

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ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Before the Court is the parties' Stipulated Motion for Protective Order, ECF No. 93. The motion was considered without oral argument.

The parties ask the Court to sign a Protective Order that was drafted and 24 agreed to by the parties. It is this Court's practice to not enter general Protective 25 Orders that simply set forth the parties' agreement for handling "confidential" 26 materials.

The parties are free to contract between themselves regarding disclosure of 28 information produced in discovery and pursue appropriate remedies in the event of

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breach; however, the Court will not be party to such an agreement. If, in the future, the parties wish to file specific items of discovery in the court record and protect such items from public access, the Court will entertain an application for a narrowly tailored protective order.

## Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The parties' Stipulated Motion for Protective Order, ECF No. 93, is **DENIED**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.** The District Court Executive is hereby directed to file this Order and provide copies to counsel.

**DATED** this 25th day of August 2023.



Stanley A. Bastian Chief United States District Judge